

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has reviewed the Interview Summary of March 9, 2006, and found it to contain an accurate summary of the telephonic interview conducted on March 1, 2006, between the Examiner and Mark Scott of this office.

The Examiner provisionally rejects claims 1-4, 18-23, 25-27, 29-38, 40-42, 44-46, 48, 50-53, and 54-63 as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 and 29 of copending Application 10/670,091. Filed concurrently herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer overcoming this rejection.

The Examiner rejects claims 40 and 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the Specification allegedly does not provide support for the claimed fringe material. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome this rejection.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-4, 18-23, 25-27, 29-38, 41, 44-46, 48, and 50-63 contain allowable subject matter.

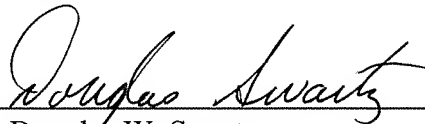
Applicant wishes to clarify that the amendments to dependent claims 62-63 requiring the flocked transfer assembly not to include a permanent substrate is not meant to require that the temporary backing sheet, if any, on the thermosetting sheet needs to be removed for the transfer to fall within the scope of these claims. The backing sheet is not permanent but rather is a sacrificial carrier.

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Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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